

Monday, February 17, 2014

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing a contract biography (in other words I am being paid to write a family history that will have little or no commercial value) of a man by the name of [REDACTED]. I am submitting a FOIA request for any records you may have concerning research he might have done while possible attached to the Office of Naval Research between the years of 1964 and 1972.

Background information

[REDACTED] (can send ss# on request) mentioned to me several times that part of his education at Princeton and George Washington University was funded by his work with the Office of Naval research. I have no record of his serving in the navy in his family archives, no DD 214 in fact there is no personal record of any military service other than his statements in a series of interviews I did with him before his death.

I have attached a death certificate to verify his passing.

Following is an excerpt from one of the interviews:

[REDACTED]: And that, uh, in the Vietnam War had not been, come to an end; and, uh, I was exempted because I was in Law School at that time. In the, you know, 1966, you know, through, uh, 1970, either Princeton or at Law School. And that, my, there was not widely known what I had done for the Office of Naval Research.

and

[REDACTED]: Now how did you, you were flying, you were doing your service time flying at the Naval Air Test Center.

[REDACTED]: Right.

[REDACTED]: And how did that come about?

[REDACTED]: Well, because that's the major research center for, for the Navy and they assigned me and, uh, my projects under [REDACTED], as I told you about yesterday, uh, who was the only flight surgeon in the Navy at that time that was certified to fly every Naval aircraft. He was a, he was a very unique guy. He was very young at the time. I would say he was in his mid 40s. And, uh, the, uh, and as a result, uh, I, I was assigned to uh the group at service test which is the at that time, the uh, oh, the Naval Air Test Center was broken up into five or six services missions...

In later interviews he stated that he had done research on delivery systems using a passive rotating wing (much like a maple seed or a gyrocopter) to deliver machinery and other loads where a parachute was inconvenient or inadvisable.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, I would request information and records you have regarding:

1. Whether or not [REDACTED] ever worked for the Office of Naval Research,
2. Whether or not [REDACTED] was in the Naval Reserve or on active duty in the regular Navy,
3. Information you may have on the above mentioned [REDACTED], a doctor attached to the Naval Test Center Patuxent or NTC Oceana between the years of 1966 and 1972
4. Research, papers or proposals submitted by [REDACTED] to the ONR for consideration concerning a rotating wing "gyrocopter" payload delivery system as a kind of parachute,
5. [REDACTED]'s grade or rank in the Navy or Naval Reserve at the time of his discharge,
6. The enlistment, service and discharge records for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
7. A list of bases he received orders to to, specifically Pensacola Naval Air Training Center, Patuxent or Oceana Naval Test Centers
8. The description and scope of the projects he was involved with, and
9. The final disposition of any projects he was researching concerning the use of a rotating wing payload delivery system.
10. His service record as redacted,

If this information has been declassified or is available publicly will you please give me a contact person or department so that I may request the release of those records from them.

Thank you for your assistance,

Most cordially,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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